

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Miller, NE 68858
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A 2012-73
POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Teresa Saathoff, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Miller post office. The Final Determination was posted 11/3/2011 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

I do not believe closing the Miller
Post Office would provide an effective
degree of service. Please see attached
papers.

TRI VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC

Dr. Michael Saathoff
Dr. Andrew Saathoff
6505 Hwy 40
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December 13, 2011

**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268**

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my concern about the closing of the Miller Post Office. It would be a huge hardship on our business. We live one mile from Miller and have rural delivery currently. I mail out statements monthly and pay a lot of bills regularly, but our largest impact would be the inability to mail packages.

Our business is a Veterinary Clinic. There are certain times of year, especially when baby calves are sick in the spring, that we take samples from the sick calf and send it to the lab at the University of Nebraska Lincoln Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Those tissues are best sent fresh, so it is our practice to obtain and send them as late in the day as possible. These lab specimens are very important to our clients, as their cattle herd is their income. They should not ride around in a mail carrier's vehicle all day and then not get sent out right away. Our only other option is to drive either 7 miles one way or 8 miles another way to mail them out and there is a review on one of those post offices. We would have to pay someone's time and gas to do that. That is why I believe that the closing of the Miller Post Office will not provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service.

I would also like to note that closing the processing and distribution centers in central Nebraska would make it difficult to get tissues to the lab in a timely manner. An extra day is lost income for those people relying on results and it is doubtful that they would be able to stay fresh an extra day.

I also understand that the blue box is being removed in front of the post office, which was an option to mail letters later in the day. In a business, there are times that we receive something in the mail that morning and it needs sent out that day. We don't understand why that option is also being removed.

We are not the only business in the Miller area, but these are our concerns. We do not feel that we have had a voice in this matter. We have no complaints with our rural delivery at this time, but also use the post office frequently. Our business has grown, therefore we spend more in postage, etc all the time.

Small towns are a great place to live and raise a family. Too many of our young people choose or have no choice but to move away. We want to encourage people to come back as professionals and set up business, but that will be a hard sell with no post office. I would not want to live anywhere else. Please don't make it difficult to stay.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teresa Saathoff".

Teresa Saathoff